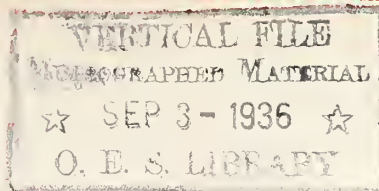


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CRICKETS MAY INVADE
THE HOME IN AUTUMN

While most homes that suffer badly from cricket invasions are located near city dumps, field crickets, which are not normally household pests, also may come in in large numbers as fall comes on and their food supplies outdoors become scarce. They are sometimes quite serious pests, eating holes in clothing and other fabrics and even in leather shoes.

Closing all openings and tightening screens, windows, and doors will help to prevent these insects from getting in. Sprays, poison powder, or even poisoned baits may be used against crickets, according to

(or entomologists of the U. S. Department of
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Agriculture).

Fresh pyrethrum powder, liberally dusted on the floor along baseboards or blown into cracks and other hiding places will kill tremendous numbers. Any good commercial fly spray will kill all crickets that it actually hits. When houses are overrun with crickets, spraying or dusting methods usually are most satisfactory. When crickets are migrating to houses from dumps, scattering poisoned baits on the dumps is advised. This bait consists of bran 50 pounds, sodium fluosilicate $2\frac{1}{2}$ pounds, molasses (cane) 1 gallon, water 6 gallons.

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